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Pool Chlorine Questions and Tips

What should viewers/readers ask when they go to a store?

- Has the product been stored in the heat or direct sunlight?
 - Heat and direct sunlight cause the product to decay faster and it is not as powerful.
- Where has the product been stored?
 - Even though it may be air conditioned inside a store, the product may have been sitting on pallets outside and in the heat.
- How old is the product?
 - You will not see an actual expiration date on the product. The Arizona Department of Agriculture has worked with the industry to try and accomplish this. You must ask the manager how long the product has been in his store.
 - Do you see dust on the bottle?
 - This year the weather has been cooler, which means demand has been down and the product is likely not getting in and out of the store as quickly as past years. This results in a weaker product.
- When did the shipment arrive?
 - If it hasn't been relatively recently, pass.

What should viewers/readers do when they get the product home?

- Buy only what you need.
- Don't buy bulk, as it will likely decay by the time you get around to "using the rest of it."
- Keep the product in a cool spot and out of direct sunlight.
- Do NOT store the product in garage, as it likely is warm in the garage.
- While powders can be stored in any environment, they can affect a pool's PH and may bleach pools with vinyl liners.
- **Always test your pool after you use the chlorine to make sure it has been effective.**

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